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SUBJECT	Soviet Airfield under Construction on Tikhotka Island	DATE DISTR.	30 June 1953
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- 25X1 1. Since 1951, the Soviets have been constructing a rather large airfield on Tikhotka Island, which is located not far from the shores of Alaska. Very few civilians are employed at the airfield. All construction at the field is done by prisoners, whose minimum sentence is 25 years at hard labor. New prisoners arrive at the rate of 1,000 to 1,500 per month, but the poor food, hard work, and bad climate at the camp tend to keep the size of the labor force from increasing.
- 25X1 2. The size of the field could not be ascertained. Approximately 40 hangars, some above ground and some below, are under construction. There are numerous concrete runways at the field. In June 1951 a coal mine was opened up near the airfield. [redacted] the field will be used as a base for jet aircraft.

25X1 [redacted] Comment. Tikhotka Island has not been located, and Chukotskiy Peninsula would appear to be the only name in the area which resembles this spelling. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] an airfield was built south of the Anadyr-Pevak road, which is a north-south road, not running into the Chukotskiy Peninsula. In neither case can the reliability of the source be established. [redacted]

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